

REMARKS

The enclosed affidavit under 37 C.F.R. 1.132 will, it is believed, remove Swedish Patent Application No. 0200494-3 as a reference under §102(a). Since this reference was first made available to the public on 22 August 2003, it will not be available as a reference under §102(b) either since the filing date of the present application, 18 August 2004 is less than one year after the publication date.

A new set of claims in which claims 1, 7, 11, 15, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23 and 25 have been amended to further distinguish the present invention in relation to the cited prior art.

In addition to SE 0200494-3 to *Hillberg* (applicant's own application), which is dealt with above, the Examiner has cited the following documents in the Office Action:

US 5,584,188 *Tippman et al.*

US 6,282,909 *Newman et al.*

In the Office Action the Examiner has asserted that *Tippman et al.* discloses the claimed invention except that the liquid being transported and dispensed is water.

The applicant respectfully disagrees. In our view, *Tippman et al.* does not suggest the present invention as recited in claims 1 and 7.

Tippman et al. does not suggest a method and system for supplying water from a water source to a consumer which method and system comprises transporting the approximately 0°C water by means of a transport unit to a pipe system comprising a water circulation and temperature retaining system. As is clear from *Tippman et al.*, e.g. from Figures 1 and 2 and Claim 1, the beverage is maintained inside the beverage trailer and the beverage is dispensed therefrom. There is no explicit nor implicit mention in *Tippman et al.* that the beverage container could be transported and connected to a pipe system comprising a water circulation and temperature retaining system as recited in the present claims.

Accordingly, the present invention as recited in claims 1 and 7 is not disclosed, suggested or taught by *Tippman et al.* The present invention provides a simple solution to provide water to

multiple users. Further, the present invention provides an economical solution to a long felt need for transporting and delivering water of high quality to consumers.

Claim 17 being dependent on Claim 7, which will have patentability even in view of *Tippman* argued above, will also be patentable as a dependent claim. The cited *Newman* relates to ice making, a purpose which runs counter to the aim of the present invention which is to preserve, transport, provide and distribute high quality consumable water.

In view of the clarifying amendments made in the claims, it is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance.

In the event there are any questions concerning this Amendment, or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned so that prosecution of the application may be expedited.

No additional fees are believed to be due at this time however if necessary to effect a timely response the Commissioner is authorised to deduct the necessary fees from Deposit account No. 501249.

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